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Strengthening of geospatial information management**Strengthening of geospatial information management****Note by the Secretariat**

The Secretariat has the honour to bring to the attention of the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management the report on strengthening geospatial information management, which will be made available in the language of submission only from the website of the Committee of Experts (<http://ggim.un.org/meetings/GGIM-committee/8th-Session/>). The Committee of Experts is invited to take note of the report and to express its views on how the global geospatial information management community can actively contribute towards strengthening geospatial information management for Member States.

Summary of the report

At its seventh session, held in New York from 2 to 4 August 2017, the Committee of Experts adopted decision 7/101, in which it welcomed the efforts of the Secretariat and the expanded Bureau of the Committee to take practical and strategic action to implement Economic and Social Council resolution 2016/27 on strengthening institutional arrangements on geospatial information management. The Committee agreed that the 2017–2021 strategic framework provided a reference for prioritizing the work of the Committee and a tangible means to communicate its work. It suggested that its implementation be maximized through the support of the regional committees, thematic groups and other relevant stakeholders.

In the report, prepared with assistance from the expanded Bureau, the Secretariat provides information on the efforts made to take practical and strategic action to implement the resolution and strengthen geospatial information management for Member States. An updated strategic framework for the 2018–2022 period is presented, along with modalities and efforts to enable the Committee to be better supported by the regional committee architecture and the regional commissions. In addition, the report provides details on the convening of the United Nations World Geospatial Information Congress in Deqing, Zhejiang Province, China, from 19 to

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21 November 2018. With the overarching theme “The geospatial way to a better world”, the Congress will be a global event bringing together all stakeholders at the highest level to address and ensure that geospatial information reaches its widest and fullest utility in service of social, economic and environmental development.
